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Sir:

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Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 3-6232 appears to disclose an indoor unit of an air conditioner having a sliding panel in the front.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 4-20923 appears to disclose a panel structure for an air conditioner having both an air inlet and outlet in the front face.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 3-97113 appears to disclose a panel air conditioner having an air inlet on the top.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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